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- At 4 p.m. on 19 April 1953, a troop train consisting of 12 boxcars occupied by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia; 16 boxcars with ammunition and equipment; and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 13 x 160-mm mortars, 1 x 120-mm mortar and an undetermined number of motor vehicles [ ]

[ ] left the Nordbahnhof in Rathenow toward the main station. Troops and materiel loaded had come from the Infanterie Kaserne, where other trucks were seen ready for departure. Some of them were loaded with potatoes and billeting equipment. During the night of 17 April, a second shipment was allegedly dispatched. On 19 April, about 100 boxcars carrying equipment and ammunition were seen at the Nordbahnhof, and three empty trains were at the main station. On 19 April, soldiers received instruction on 3 x 122-mm field howitzers in the Pionier Kaserne. Motor vehicles [ ] hauled potatoes to the installation.

[ ] Comment. The transfer of units of the 6th Arty Div, the preparations for which had previously been reported, started on 19 April. See [ ]. This information indicates the entraining of units of the 65th Mort Brig (US) stationed in the Infanterie Kaserne, which probably went to the Altengrabow troop training grounds.

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